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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

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In the Abstract, on page 7 of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 with the following paragraph:

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An expandable stent comprises a multiplicity of sets of strut members. Each set of strut members forms a circumferentially extending closed structure with adjacent sets of strut members being coupled each to the other by connector. The stent has two types of circumferentially extending sets of strut members, a first type of set of strut members and a second type of set of strut members. The first type of set of strut members has a shorter total circumferential length as compared to the total circumferential length of the second type of set of strut members. When the stent is radially deployed to its nominal diameter, the first type of set of strut members has greater radial rigidity as compared to the second type of set of strut members.

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